

OPERATION OF STROBE / FLASHING LIGHTS ON CAP VEHICLES

PURPOSE : The use of light bars with strobe or flashing lights on CAP vehicles is to provide better visibility for these vehicles when on an **AUTHORIZED MISSION** and are used only to insure that a vehicle remains highly visible. The vehicles shall be operated in accordance with the conditions stated herein. The use of these lights does not in any way convey emergency vehicle status to a CAP vehicle nor does it permit any operation which violates traffic or speed regulations. Operation of these lights in any manner which might give the impression that the vehicle is an emergency vehicle is strictly prohibited.

For the purpose of this supplement, flashing lights and strobe lights will be considered as the same and will be referred to as "flashing lights".

RULES FOR USE:

1. Flashing lights **shall** be operated whenever the vehicle is driven slowly or is stopped on or in the immediate vicinity of any roadway.
2. Flashing lights **shall** be operated whenever the vehicle is on any airport or heliport in accordance with FAA guidelines and local airport requirements..
3. Flashing lights **may** be operated to signal to or coordinate with a search aircraft but used only to the extent necessary to accomplish the immediate task. In the event that the vehicle is being continuously led or directed by an overhead aircraft, flashing lights may be used while moving at normal speed.
4. Flashing lights **may** be used whenever the vehicle commander determines that a significant hazard to life and/or property exists because of the vehicle's position or operation. Examples would be if the vehicle is disabled or it is supporting ground teams working in the vicinity of the roadway.
5. Flashing lights **MAY NOT** be operated when driving at or near normal speed for whatever road or highway is being used, except as when operated in accordance with number 3 above.
6. Flashing lights **shall only** be those provided and installed by CTWG- HQ after being authorized by the Wing Commander for that vehicle. Except for flashing lights installed by CTWG-HQ and original equipment four-way flashers, no other hazard lighting shall be permitted unless authorized in writing by the wing commander.
7. A copy of these operating instructions shall be provided for each vehicle with installed flashing lights and shall be kept in the vehicle at all times.